

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*“To know... To teach... To share Christ”*

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There he was transfigured in front of them.  
His clothes became radiant, dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, EHV

**Last Sunday after Epiphany  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 11, 2018**

# Our Worship Today

**Welcome!** We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

**Prayer Before Worship** Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

**Our Songs** CW 230 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"  
CW 94 "O Jesus, King of Glory"  
CW 95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"  
CW 332 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**Psalm** CW 121 Psalm 148

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 67                      Communion: 57                      Sunday Bible Class: 27  
Sunday Offering: General \$2,450.00    Endowment \$106.00  
Midweek Bible Study: 14

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist & Accompanist  
Cellist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jan Nelson  
Linda Martin  
Larry Martin

## Prelude

“As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus“

## Opening Hymn

CW 230 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now“

## Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** 🎵 **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** 🎵 **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The glory of Christ is revealed: let us worship him.

## Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

## The First Lesson

II Kings 2:1-12a

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “but do not speak of it.” <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “but do not speak of it.” <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the

Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup> “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.” <sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12a</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

Psalm 148, CW Page 121

*Congregation sings refrain and the speaks second half of each verse*

## The Second Lesson

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. <sup>14</sup> In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. <sup>15</sup> Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> But all of us who reflect the Lord’s glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. <sup>2</sup> On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.I. (EHV)

# The Gospel

## *Please Stand*

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say because they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (EHV)

## Seasonal Response

**C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## Sermon Hymn

CW 94 “O Jesus, King of Glory”

## Sermon

“Let Me See His Face”

Mark 9:2-6

## Hymn

CW 95 “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” “Let Me See His Face”

## **Offering**

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God's grace to you.

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 50

### **The Lord's Prayer**

CW Page 50

### **Prayer For Grace and the Benediction**

CW Page 50

## **Closing Hymn**

CW 332 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

"Thy Strong Word"

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- Today, February 11: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service, 10:30 AM  
Bake Sale
- Tuesday, February 13: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Membership Class, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, February 14: Soup Supper, 5:00 PM  
Midweek Lenten Service 6:00 PM  
Choir, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 15: Membership Class (Repeat from Tuesday), 10:00 AM
- Sunday, February 18: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM  
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The *Time of Grace* television program with Pastor Mark Jeske is now airing locally out of Fort Myers on Sundays at 5:30AM. Channel 26.1 (ABC) over the air, channel 26 on Dish or DirectTV, and channel 7 on Comcast or CenturyLink.

Lifetouch will have picture days on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please sign up on today. Pastor, EyVonne Robinson and Gloria Rische could use a couple extra helpers coordinating this event. Please let Pastor know if you can help.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

February Birthdays: John Pueschel-6<sup>th</sup> Jan Boyle-24<sup>th</sup>

February Anniversaries: Curtis and Sue Whittier-14<sup>th</sup>, Perry and Lois Jamar-26<sup>th</sup>

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese, Eugene Nelson



## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

The season of showing his glory to those he has called is coming to a close. We stand at the threshold of the season of his ultimate humiliation. But before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a glimpse of the glory which he hid so carefully even while he was revealing it. Lent is coming; hang on to the glory that soon will be covered in shame and washed with blood!

### **First Lesson: II Kings 2:1-12a**

Elijah was one of those who came down from heaven to speak with Jesus for the encouragement of Peter, James and John. It may be difficult to preach on the ascension of Elijah on Transfiguration Sunday. The chief reason for putting this lesson on this Sunday might be to instruct us about who it is that Jesus spoke with on the holy mountain. Elijah is the greatest preacher of repentance and Moses the greatest teacher of the Law; Jesus is the one who comes to win forgiveness for the penitent who have transgressed the law and are therefore sinners.

### **Second Lesson: II Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

In Christ's Transfiguration we see the difference between the law and the gospel, between Moses and Jesus neatly summarized. The law apart from Christ is never clear and never reaches its goal. Those looking only on the law cannot pierce the veil which hides God's primary (though not his only) intention with the law, namely to kill us, to drive us to despair, to bring us to a desperate cry for mercy. Instead those looking only at the law and not piercing its veil vainly imagine that they can keep it. Ah, but Christ comes and removes the veil; the law in his hands does indeed kill and drive to despair. But most importantly the veil is torn away from the heart of God himself in the person of Christ. On the Mountain of Transfiguration he is not veiled like Moses. In the perfect union of his divine and human natures the glorified Christ comes in lowliness to touch the disciples and take them down the mountain to the valley of his Passion. There they will see the unveiled glory of the gospel on the cross! And from the cross they will be liberated from the shackles of sin and death and hell; they will even come to share in the glory of the Savior who by his Passion takes away the slavery of sin and the ugliness of death. We will not be ashamed to preach this unveiled Christ whose lowly Word still unveils the heart of God and frees us, transforming us from sinners to saints!

### **The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

Life is filled with high points and low. They mirror and remind us of our spiritual life, which likewise has its high points and its low ones. For the heathen the highs and lows of life are random. For the Christian each is a preparation and an announcement of the other—Transfiguration for Lent, Lent for Easter. The Transfiguration, like all of Jesus' demonstrations of his glory, was primarily for the benefit of those he called. It is to prepare them for the descent into the suffering of the Savior and their own suffering as well. If they can just remember! If they can just hang on to what they saw and especially to what they heard on the mountain top! Then they will not despair in Holy Week. Beyond that, there are so many other possible points of emphasis in the Transfiguration. Notice how glory that is only seen and not explained creates terror; looking up and seeing Jesus only, then hearing his voice brings peace. Notice, too, the mutually exclusive propositions: they were terrified, but wanted to stay! Moses and Elijah have come to speak with Christ of his coming Passion and no doubt of his resurrection as well—they talk of suffering and death from the unique vantage point of the eternal life they already enjoy. But it all comes together and makes sense when we see Jesus only and listen to him; that was the message in Epiphany. In very different circumstances it will be the message in Lent. That is likewise the message in your good days and days of affliction, in life and in death. You can preach on this text every year on this Sunday for the rest of your life, and you still will not be finished with it!

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

The Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Sermon Theme: "God Is For Us"

Liturgy: The Common Service, page 15

Hymns: 358, 348, 313, 324

Psalm 6

Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39